

RECIPROCITY FOR CUBANS

Ring Message Sent to Congress by the President

HE URGES PROMPT ACTION

To Assist the New Republic in the Battle for Existence

THE EFFECT ON CONGRESS IS NOT YET KNOWN THOUGH OPONENTS OF THE MEASURE CLAIM SOME ADVANTAGE AS A RESULT OF THE MESSAGE.

WASHINGTON, June 12. — After talking with a number of the leaders in Congress regarding Cuban reciprocity, President Roosevelt today determined to send a message to Congress reaffirming his attitude on the subject. The President has earnestly considered the matter for several days, and it is stated that the action of the anti-reciprocity Republican Senators yesterday in deciding to hold out against the policy advocated by the majority of the party did not influence the President in the least in deciding to transmit his message to Congress today. The President's action, it may be stated from sources close to him, was influenced by the broad question of the duty of the United States to Cuba, and of fairness to the new republic. The message follows:

"We are a wealthy and powerful Nation: Cuba is a young republic, still weak, who owes to us her birth, whose whole future, whose very life, must depend on our attitude toward her. I ask that we help her as she struggles upward along the painful and difficult road of self-government and independence. I ask this aid for her because she is weak, because she needs it, because we have already aided her. I ask that open-handed help, of a kind which a self-respecting people can accept, be given to Cuba for the very reason that we have given her such help in the past. Our soldiers fought to give her freedom, and for three years our Representatives, civil and military, have toiled unceasingly, facing disease of a peculiarly sinister and fatal type with patient and uncompromising fortitude, to teach her how to use aright her new freedom. Never in history has any alien country been thus administered with such high integrity of purpose, such wise judgment and such a single-minded devotion to the country's interest. Now I ask that the Cubans be given all possible chance to use to the best advantage the freedom of which Americans have such right to be proud and for which so many American lives have been sacrificed.

Feeling in Congress.

Washington, June 13.—The President's reciprocity message gave the Senators a live topic of conversation today, but so far as yet appears there is no change in the situation. There was a disposition on the part of leaders on both sides of the controversy to claim, when speaking publicly of advantage from the message. The straight reciprocity men urged that the effect would be to cause at least some of the best-sugar Republicans to abandon their opposition. They contended that some of them had misunderstood the attitude of the President, and now that that had been made clear, here was no longer any excuse for opposing the reciprocity measure. The best-sugar leaders declared at the close of the day that the message had caused no loss whatever to them. They also asserted that the President's interposition in the matter had had the effect of causing a hesitation on the part of some Senators who had heretofore not taken a positive stand against a reduction because of the feeling that the President should leave Congress to deal with the subject in its present stage.

NEW RAILWAY PROJECT

A PURPOSE TO USE ELECTRICITY TO TAKE THE PLACE OF STEAM ENGINES.

NEW YORK, June 13.—In connection with the acquisition of the Stanley Electrical Manufacturing Company's plant at Pittsfield, Mass., by William C. Whitney and his associates, the Tribune says there is back of the purchase a purpose to extend the works with the aid of Ganz & Co., of Budapest, one of the largest electrical concerns in Europe, for the purpose of converting steam railroads in this country into electric roads. The substitution of electricity for steam on American lines is not, according to the Tribune, expected to be entered upon at once, but for the immediate future the increased plant at Pittsfield is to supply the demands of the street railways in this city, Philadelphia, Northern New Jersey and Connecticut for electrical supplies. Later wherever there is a congestion of traffic on the steam roads in the East, it is believed there will be a displacement of the locomotive by the electrical engines.

A representative of the Whitney syndicate, according to the Tribune, said the financial details of the plan by which the Ganz concern is to join hands with Mr. Whitney and his associates in the establishment of a branch factory in this country have been arranged. It is further asserted that at least 15 locomotive building concerns in the United States will be brought into the enterprise.

THE ANTI-IMPERIALISTS

DISCUSSION OF PLANS TO OPPOSE GOVERNMENT'S PHILIPPINE POLICY.

NEW YORK, June 13.—Edward M. Shepard has given a luncheon at the University Club at which the guests were Senator Edward Carmack, of Tennessee, and Senator Frederick T. Dubois, of Idaho, Democratic members

of the Senate Philippine committee; Carl Schurz, Horace White, editor of the Evening Post; Morefield Story, of Boston; Congressman Amos Griggs, of Georgia, and Congressman John Williams, of Mississippi. The significance of the meeting of so many prominent anti-imperialists seems to be this: The luncheon was arranged to make impossible in the future any dissention among the leaders of the opposition to the Government's Philippine policy. They met to discuss every phase of the Eastern situation and they left the table feeling that they understood one another.

Several members of the party were asked if any immediate step would be taken by the leaders present. One of the Senators replied:

"We came up from Washington to meet the anti-imperialist leaders of New York and Boston. Mr. Shepard kindly invited us to the University Club. There we found that every man endorsed the action of the minority which recently offered a bill in the House asking for complete independence for the Philippines. The majority has passed a bill in the Senate giving the Republicans a notion of rules in those islands. We presented a substitute bill, which was defeated. The majority bill is now in the hands of the House committee. The important point in this conference was the unmistakable support which we received to the substitute bill which, though defeated, brought out the existence of thorough harmony between the Democrats of both Houses of Congress."

HUNTING FOR THE CONVICTS

Rumor of Their Appearance at New Era Yesterday

SHERIFF DURBIN RETURNS

He Thinks the Men are in the Mountains Near Needy

THE CLACKAMAS COUNTY OFFICIALS ARE AFTER THEM, AND SHOULD ANY DEFINITE NEWS COME OF THEM, SALEM OFFICERS WILL JOIN IN THE CHASE

PORTLAND, Or., June 13.—The chase after Tracy and Merrill, the escaped convicts, was abandoned tonight, and the posse returned home. The fugitives are reported to have been seen today near New Era, four miles south of Oregon City, and to have gone in the direction of the Willamette river.

Reward Increased.

Governor T. T. Geer last evening, after consulting with Superintendent J. D. Lee, decided to increase the reward for the capture and return, dead or alive, of the two convicts, and he offered a reward of \$1500 for each man.

Sheriff Durbin Returns.

Sheriff F. W. Durbin and Mr. Carson, of Walla Walla, with the bloodhounds, returned at 11 o'clock last night, from Needy, Clackamas county, where they were on the trail of the escaped convicts, Tracy and Merrill. Sheriff Durbin says he is satisfied the rumor regarding the appearance of Tracy and Merrill at Barlow and New Era, as reported yesterday, is a mistake as the men are doubtless in the neighborhood of Needy, where the sheriff of Clackamas county is working on their trail with a large posse. Should any definite news come of the reappearance of the men, who are believed to be making for the Barlow trail, he and Mr. Carson, with the hounds, will again go to the front.

Company F, Fourth Regiment, O. N. G., of Salem, also returned home last evening, and nearly all the Salem men are again at home.

Sheriff F. W. Durbin was very tired when he reached the city last night, but he said he was ready to start after the escapes again as soon as Sheriff Cooke, of Oregon City, could definitely locate the men. Mr. Durbin is pleased with the fact that, while the escapes had frequently been pressed close until they finally escaped into Clackamas county, none of the pursuers had been injured, his care being to prevent any unnecessary injury or loss of life among the pursuers. In this he is upheld by the best thought in the community, and his careful and conservative work in receiving general praise. His duty, was a most arduous one, and he did the best possible under the circumstances.

Ingram's Pardon.

Gov. T. T. Geer, in response to a question regarding what action he would take in the case of Convict Frank Ingram, who was shot by Convict Merrill last Monday morning said yesterday:

"I am disposed to pardon Ingram, whose splendid action, I believe deserves recognition, and unless valid objections should be raised and presented against such clemency, I think I shall take the matter up favorably in a week or so. There is no immediate hurry, as Ingram is not in condition to be moved yet, and besides I want to give time for all persons to be heard in the matter."

MARCONI'S LATEST.

LONDON, June 13.—In the course of a lecture tonight, before the Royal Institution of Great Britain, William Marconi announced that he had invented a highly sensitive magnetic detector of magnetic waves, by which it was possible to read thirty words per minute in wireless telegraphy.

WHEELLOCK HANGED.

SAN QUENTIN, Calif., June 13.—Jas. F. Wheelock was executed in the Penitentiary here this morning for the brutal murder of Mrs. Emily Martin at Coulter, Butte county on the night of March 3, 1901. Wheelock's neck was broken by the fall.

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

FIRE CLAIMS ITS VICTIMS

An Entire Town Burned in Alabama Yesterday

PEOPLE FLED FROM HEAT

After Saving Their Personal Belongings in the Homes

A TORNADO DEMOLISHED SEVERAL HOUSES AND INJURED SEVEN PEOPLE—A WOMAN KILLED IN A RUNAWAY ACCIDENT NEAR PORTLAND.

OPELIKA, Ala., June 12.—Alexander City, a place of 1500 inhabitants, was wiped away today by a fire the loss reaching at least \$750,000, which the insurance will not begin to cover. The fire originated in the foundry and machine works. A light wind was blowing and the fire spread from building to building until the entire town was ablaze. The place had no water works and all that the terror-stricken people could do was to save what belongings they could and then flee from the awful heat.

A Tornado's Work.

Memphis, Texas, June 13.—A tornado demolished two houses and severely injured seven persons five miles east of here today. The district is isolated, and no particulars are known.

Her Neck Broken.

Portland, Or., June 13.—A woman named Mrs. Hoberg Stranger, was killed twenty miles east of here today, in a runaway accident. She was driving with her son when the horse became frightened and ran away, throwing her under the heavy wagon which passed over her neck, breaking it.

Eight Lives Lost.

Philadelphia, June 13.—Fire broke out this afternoon in the mill of H. M. Rosenblatt & Co., manufacturers of leather goods, Second and Oxford streets, and destroyed that plant and several adjoining properties, including the Third Reformed Presbyterian church. A number of employees in the Rosenblatt factory were forced to jump from windows. Half a dozen girls were taken to a hospital seriously injured.

The police report that eight bodies are in the ruins of the Rosenblatt building. Over 20 persons are injured as a result of jumping from the windows and by falling walls. As near as can be learned, the fire started in the celluloid department of the leather works. Within ten minutes the entire plant was ablaze. The fire escapes proved inadequate to afford exit to the employees, of which there were 200 in the building. A stampede was made to the fire escapes. Many were knocked down and trampled upon, and others, on reaching the escape, despite the shouts of the people on the streets, plunged to the pavement.

The girls remaining on the fire escape were carried in safety to the street by the firemen. Eight girls are missing, and it is believed that they were trampled upon in the stampede, and were unable to reach the fire escape.

WAS KILLED BY CARS

H. L. SMOCK, BRAKEMAN ON THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC ROAD CRUSHED TO DEATH.

MEMPHISVILLE, June 13.—H. L. Smock, a brakeman on the Southern Pacific, lost his life at Brandt, a switch between Whiteson and Sully, yesterday, at 9:25 a. m. The freight train was going north and had backed in on the spur to take on two flatcars. Smock was at the rear of the standing flatcars as the engine and two other cars backed up to hitch on. It is supposed that he attempted to turn the angle cock in the air brake just at the time the car struck him. Owing to the grassy condition of the switch, the wheels slid when the air brakes were applied, and the rear car was forced over the bank at the end of the switch striking Smock and killing him instantly.

C. C. Loucks, the conductor, was on the other side of the car, about 30 feet from Smock, and saw the car coming. He warned Smock to look out, but it was too late. Justice J. M. Pugh acted as coroner on the case in the afternoon, and the jury found a verdict according to the facts, after examining three witnesses. The body was taken to Newberg and prepared for burial. Smock was a Workman and a member of the Brotherhood of Trainmen.

BIG STRIKE IMMINENT

NEW YORK PAINTERS AND DECORATORS WILL GO OUT IN A BODY.

NEW YORK, June 13.—By unanimous vote the Amalgamated Painters and Decorators have decided to strike unless their demands are granted. The union decided to no longer deal with the employers as a body, but will attempt to get individual firms to sign an agreement. Already they say ten employers have signed such a paper. Committees will visit the different employers, and as they decline to sign, the men in their employ will be called out at once. The union demands that beginning August 1st the wage scale shall read:

"Plain painting not less than \$4 per day; decorating (including gilding) not less than \$4.50 per day; eight hours to constitute a day's work, from 8 a. m. to noon, and from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. on all week days with the exception of Saturday, when four hours only shall be worked, from 8 a. m. to noon, and constituting a half day's work, and under no consideration shall the members

of this body work from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. on Saturday."

BURGLARY AT HOULTON.

ST. HELENS, June 13.—A clever burglary was committed at Houlton, on the Northern Pacific early yesterday morning. The general merchandise store of N. A. Perry was entered, and \$25 in cash, two boxes of cigars and several other less valuable articles were taken. Entrance was effected through a back window. The ticket office was the first place which seemed to attract the attention of the night hawks, and their judgment proved very good. In this room the lost money was kept, being receipts from the sale of railroad tickets and telephone and telegraph tolls. The sheriff was notified very early this morning, and a vigorous search was made for the culprits, but up to 2 p. m. today the perpetrator had not been apprehended. The manner in which the job was done would indicate that some one familiar with the place had taken a hand in the burglary.

TAFT'S MISSION.

NEW YORK, June 13.—All the documents Civil Governor Taft presented to the Vatican have been carefully printed, with explanatory notes by Bishop O'Gorman, says a Rome dispatch to the Tribune. Major Porter has distributed them to the cardinals. The cardinals appointed to negotiate with Judge Taft will meet privately on Monday.

IRRIGATION BILL PASSED

The House Acted on the Senate Measure Yesterday

ONE MINOR AMENDMENT

Was Added to the Bill Before Action Was Had

A RECLAMATION FUND IS CREATED FROM THE SALES OF PUBLIC LANDS—USE OF WATER IS LIMITED TO PURCHASES OF HOMESTEADS.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—The House today passed the irrigation bill by a vote of 146 to 55. Many amendments were offered but only one of those offered but only one of those offered by the committee was adopted. It was of a minor character. The bill has already passed the Senate. The friends of the measure greeted the announcement of its passage with a round of applause. The bill as passed creates a reclamation fund from the sale of public land in Arizona, California, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming, less the amount to be paid to the local land offices, and 5 per cent due the state under the existing laws for educational purposes. The reclamation fund is to be used for the construction and maintenance of irrigation works in the states and territories enumerated. The provision is made for the payment out of the treasury, of deficiencies in the allowance to agricultural colleges, owing to this disposition of public lands. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to examine, survey and construct irrigation works, and report the cost thereof to Congress at each session. A section provides for the letting of contracts for works contemplated in the other sections, when necessary funds are available in the reclamation fund for such sections.

Section 5 provides that "no right to the use of water for land in private ownership shall be sold for a tract exceeding 160 acres to anyone land owner, and no such right shall permanently attach until all payments therefor are made, and no such sale shall be made to any land owner unless he be an actual bona fide resident of such land, or occupant thereof, residing in the neighborhood of such land."

Section 6 authorizes the Secretary to use the reclamation fund for the operation and maintenance of irrigation works. Section 8 requires state control over waters of non-navigable streams such are used in irrigation.

They Want Help.

Washington, June 13.—New York members of the House of Representatives today were before the House Committee on Corporations to ask an appropriation of \$600,000, to cover the deficiency of the Buffalo Exposition.

Action Postponed.

Washington, June 13.—The House Committee on Naval Affairs today decided to postpone until the next session the bill for the relief of Naval Constructor R. P. Hobson, on account of the defective oversight. The report states that only the gravest reasons would justify special legislation of this kind.

In Executive Session.

Washington, June 13.—During the greater part of today the Senate was in executive session, the nomination of Captain Crozier to be Chief of Ordnance of the Army being the particular subject under consideration.

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MORTENSEN MURDER CASE.

SALT LAKE CITY, June 14.—The case against Peter Mortensen, charged with the murder of James R. Hay, was given to the jury at 11:30 this morning. Judge Morse's instructions to the jury were quite lengthy. Opinion as to the outcome seems to be divided between a verdict of guilty and a hung jury.

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